

DECISION OF THE POWERS

Said to Have Arranged a Programme in China.

Foreign Governments to Supervise the Punishment of Celestial Officials Implicated in the Boxer Outrages, and Each to Be Reimbursed for the Expenses of Its Expedition. Missionaries and Private Individuals to Be Compensated for Injuries Received—Troops to Be Kept Permanently at Peking—The Forts at Taku to Be Dismantled.

COLOGNE, Nov. 10.—It is believed here that the allied powers have at last reached a definite understanding in regard to the programme to be pursued in dealing with the Chinese Government. This conclusion is drawn from the statement of the "Cologne Gazette" to the effect that the "Gazette" usually voices the opinion of the Government, and whatever it says on international questions is regarded as official.

The "Gazette" outlines the policy to be pursued in the Celestial Empire as follows: "The allies will supervise the punishment of the Chinese officials implicated in the Boxer outrages, and each Government will be reimbursed for the expenses of its expedition."

"Missionaries and private individuals will receive adequate compensation for any injuries suffered and troops will be kept at Peking permanently for the protection of the legations."

"The Taku forts will be dismantled and Peking will be permanently connected with the sea."

The "Gazette" does not announce in detail which of the powers have agreed to the course outlined, but it is generally understood that a majority of the allies have agreed to the plan and are ready to take definite and energetic action in prosecuting a settlement of the reprisals which have been so long delayed through general procrastination.

America is not specifically mentioned in the proposition and it is not known whether that Government has signified its willingness to adopt the policy or not.

It is believed here that the allies will very soon go ahead with their Chinese programme, despite the efforts of Celestial leaders to retard the administration of justice against those responsible for the outrages that have startled all Christians.

LONDON, Nov. 10.—A despatch from Hongkong says the British river gunboat Sandpiper was sunk during a typhoon. One sailor was drowned.

The centre of the typhoon struck Hongkong. It caused great loss of life and immense damage to native craft.

EMPRESS REPORTED DEAD.

China's Ruler Said to Have Passed Away.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 10.—A despatch to the "Novoye Vremya," from Vladivostok of date of November 3, says a report has been received there that the Dowager Empress of China is dead.

A despatch from Shanghai dated September 29 states that the Dowager Empress endured great hardships during their flight from Peking. They were compelled to go without food for three days and were unable to obtain the necessities of life. On October 26 it was stated in a despatch from Tientsin that information had been received from Japanese sources that the Empress Dowager was seriously ill at Taiyuan-fu and that the most prominent physician in the Kingdom had been called in to attend her.

A despatch from one of the correspondents in China dated at Peking, November 6, said great excitement had been caused there over a report which was not credited, that the Empress Dowager was dead. There have been other reports that she suffered severely during the journey of the court from Taiyuan-fu to Peking.

The Empress Dowager, whose name is Tzu-hsi, or Hsi-tsi, was born November 17, 1834, and would be sixty-six years old next Saturday.

NOT WITHIN THE SCOPE.

Russia and France Oppose Claims in the Preliminary Treaties.

LONDON, Nov. 10.—A despatch to the "Times" from Peking says that the proposal made by the British Minister on November 7 to insert a clause in the preliminary treaty regarding the revision of the commercial treaties is strongly supported by seven of the plenipotentiaries, the Russian and French representatives alone opposing it.

They are also opposed to Mr. Conger's proposal to insert a clause providing that China shall undertake in the future to immediately remove officials within whose jurisdiction outrages on foreigners occur. They argued that neither clause is within the scope of a preliminary treaty.

THE BOERS AGGRESSIVE.

Smith-Dorrien Experiences Two Days of Hard Fighting.

LONDON, Nov. 10.—The War Office has received the following despatch from General Roberts, dated Johannesburg, November 8:

"Smith-Dorrien reports that he has had two days' hard fighting. His casualties on November 6 were six killed and twenty wounded. On the 7th the Boers tried to seize a position on the bank of the Komati River from which they had been driven the previous day, but Colonel Evans, with the Cape Mounted Rifles, prevented them from doing this."

"During the return march of the Commanders an unprecedented event occurred. Two hundred mounted Boers charged to within seventy yards of the rear guard before the Canadian Dragoons stopped. During the fight sixteen Canadian fell into the hands of the Boers. They were treated kindly and were released after the Boers had removed their own dead and wounded, during which the Canadians were made to lie on their faces in order that they should not see how heavily the enemy had suffered. Our casualties on November 7 were two killed and twelve wounded. ROBERTS."

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MAY TAKE CHINA'S CASE.

Ex-Secretary Foster's Call on the President Causing Speculation.

Hon. John W. Foster, the former Secretary of State, was a caller at the White House today. Mr. Foster's visit has revived the rumors that he may act in the settlement of the Chinese question. Mr. Foster was the representative of the defeated empire at the end of its disastrous war with Japan. It has been understood since then that the Emperor and Li Hung Chang were much pleased in carrying through the peace terms paid him, said to have been a quarter of a million dollars, has become famous as the largest ever received by an attorney.

Since the beginning of negotiations between China and the powers, as a result of the Boxer outrages, it has been suggested that Mr. Foster would again be called upon by the vanquished nation. It has been urged that his undisputed diplomacy and his wide knowledge of international law might be of great value to China at this juncture. Mr. Foster himself declines to discuss anything in relation to the Chinese situation. He will not talk about the possibility of his accepting a commission from China.

The President received a party of callers this morning from the Union League Club of Philadelphia. They were under the escort of Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith and they included J. E. Darrington, President of the Club, Charles E. Pugh and E. T. Statesbury, vice presidents, and R. Dale Benson. They invited Mr. McKinley to be present at the dinner to be held November 24, which is Founders' day, with the club. The President indicated that he would be able to be present.

Senator William Mason, of Illinois, troubled somewhat with sciatica, but, nevertheless, as good-natured as ever, had a long gossip talk with the President. The Senator has been fighting all of the animosities that he once held toward the Executive. He and the President are again the best of friends. Mr. Mason says that he will push in Congress this winter his proposition to make plans for connecting the present Chicago ship canal with the Illinois River, and thus by the Mississippi to the Gulf. The proposal, if carried out, would complete a ship waterway from the mouth of the St. Lawrence River, in Canada, through the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico.

Bishop Hurst, the President of the American University, paid his respects to Mr. McKinley during the course of the visit. Bishop Hurst and Mr. McKinley are close personal friends. The Bishop said today at the White House that up to the present time \$3,000,000 has been subscribed out of the \$5,000,000 which is needed to go ahead with the American University project. About \$1,000,000 has been subscribed in the past year. The Bishop said that he had been told that the President had promised to provide for the remaining \$2,000,000 in the next six months. The trustees of the University will meet at their annual meeting here on December 10.

Scores of callers desiring to extend congratulations were received by the President. Among them were Hon. Simon Wolf, Judge Scott, former Postmaster General Gary, Martin A. Knapp, J. D. Yeamans, C. A. Proby, and J. E. Manley, of the Interstate Commerce Commission; Senators Wetmore, Proctor, Lindsay, and McComas.

Secretary Hay and Adjutant General Crozier each spent a short time at the White House.

The President today appointed Frederick S. Stratton, of California, Collector of Customs at San Francisco, vice John P. Jackson, deceased.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MR. CONGER.

Their Purpose to Advance Pending Negotiations in China.

Instructions of a comprehensive nature were telegraphed to Minister Conger yesterday by Secretary Hay. They dealt with every point of difference between the allies in the negotiations looking to an amicable settlement of the Chinese troubles.

Within the past week the ministers at Peking have made considerable progress toward an agreement, but there has not been absolute unanimity. Minister Conger has sent several telegrams to the State Department reporting the nature of the differences and expressing his own views.

While the instructions sent in answer to these reports have not been disclosed, and will not be, it is admitted that Mr. Conger has been directed generally to insist only on the adoption of material propositions to which the United States Government is committed and to waive objection to matters of comparatively little importance, which are not wholly essential to the country.

By pursuing this policy of compromise drawing opposition to propositions of little consequence the Government hopes to bring about an arrangement between the plenipotentiaries of the various powers within very short time, and to serve as a basis of negotiations with the Chinese plenipotentiaries.

DEATH OF R. G. DUN.

The Commercial Agency Proprietor Expires in New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—R. G. Dun, of the Dun Agency, died at 1 o'clock this morning at his residence, Thirty-ninth Street and Madison Avenue, of cirrhosis of the liver and heart failure.

Born of Scotch parents in Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1828, Robert Graham Dun began life by clerking in a country store for \$2 a week. In 1851 he entered Benjamin Douglass' mercantile agency in this city, and became a partner three years later, and purchased controlling interest in the business in 1859.

Mr. Dun's first wife was a Miss Douglass, a daughter of his early employer. He married the twenty years ago Miss Minnie Bedford, the wife who survives him. They had no children. Mrs. Dun's brother, Rev. Dr. Buchanan, is pastor of the Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church in this city.

Robert Dun, of West Orange, a nephew of Mr. Dun, has had general charge of the mercantile agency at 290 Broadway since the virtual retirement of Mr. Dun twelve years ago. Another nephew, Benjamin Douglass, Jr., was also associated with the business.

THE GELDERLAND SAILS.

Ex-President Kruger to Depart at Marseilles.

LONDON, Nov. 10.—A despatch from Jibuti, in the Gulf of Aden, says the Dutch warship Gelderland, on which Ex-President Kruger is a passenger, started at noon yesterday for Marseilles.

Mr. Kruger will depart at Marseilles.

Extradition Papers Sent to London.

The State Department today forwarded to the United States Legation in London the necessary papers to secure the extradition to this country of George D'Es-sauer, of Chicago, under arrest in London on the charge of forging \$3,000 bonds of the Chicago Electric Light and Coke Company of the denomination of \$500 each. The complaint was made by R. G. Dawes, president of the company.

Flynn's Business College, 5th and K. Business, Shortland, Typewriting—\$25 a year.

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THE NEBRASKA RETURNS

Republicans Said to Have Carried the Legislature.

Both Sides Continue to Claim the Governorship—Congressional Delegation Evenly Divided—Mr. Bryan Not Likely to Accept an Editorial Position—Rumor Denied by Him.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 10.—Practically all of the ninety counties in the State have been held from these guys. McKinley 121,274 as against 108,964 in 1896, while Bryan received 112,280 as against 115,359 four years ago. The total vote shows an increase of 15,000 over that cast at the last Presidential contest. McKinley's gain came largely from the farming districts of the State, although in the cities of Omaha and Lincoln he made an approximate gain of 1,800.

There does not seem to be longer any doubt as to the Republicans having carried the Legislature. Douglas county elected but four Republicans out of twelve, but sufficient Republican gains have been made in other parts of the State to give them a majority of eight or nine on joint ballot.

D. E. Thompson, of Lincoln, is regarded as certain to secure one of the Senate seats. The result in Douglas practically eliminates Editor Rosewater, of the "Omaha Bee," from the Senatorial contest, and the other place will lie between Assistant Secretary of War McKeljohn and Representative Mercer, with the chances favoring some dark horse.

Both sides still claim the Governorship, but the Republican figures are the more complete and seem to elect Dietrich. The Sixth Congressional district has not fully reported, but it is confidently claimed that Kinkaid, Republican, has beaten Neville, Populist. This will evenly divide the Congressional representation from Nebraska.

Mr. Bryan has received an offer from the "Denver Post" to become an editorial writer on its staff at a salary of \$10,000 a year.

Mr. Bryan sent his answer today, but said its contents must be made public from the Denver end. It is safe to guess that he will not accept, as he has repeatedly said he will not remove from Lincoln.

Mr. Bryan says there is no truth in the story that obtained some currency in St. Louis and Chicago last night that he would become a Presbyterian minister.

NO USE FOR CLEVELANDISM.

John R. McLean's Present Views on Democratic Reorganization.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—In a despatch from Washington, Mr. John R. McLean is reported as talking on the subject of the mooted reorganization of the Democratic party. Mr. McLean says:

"Personally I do not believe in doing a lot of talking now," said Mr. McLean. "After a great defeat, just as after a great victory, I believe people should sit down and think hard in an effort to find out the proper course to pursue in the future. I don't know what Don Dickinson proposes; does anybody? Let us of reorganizing the party, you tell me. Does he mean to reorganize the so-called Gold Democrats? If so, we have nothing to do with it. Or does he mean to reorganize the entire Democratic party, all of the seven millions who supported the Democratic National ticket last Tuesday? If he means that, the seven millions will have something to say about it, I should think."

"Does he mean that the overthrow of Bryan should cause the re-establishment of Cleveland? If Bryanism is dead as a result of the election, should one subscribe for it Clevelandism?"

"I am frank to say that I believe if the 'isms' should be abandoned except 'Bryanism' and with that, single exception, I should have no objection to the party being reorganized, the Democratic party can go to its triumphs."

"It is impossible to see just what Mr. Dickinson means. The elements he represents were in charge in 1892. They had the locomotive on the track, and it was thrown off. Was that a sign of confidence? I hardly think so."

"If it is to be assumed that the policy of the present organization has been bad, does it follow that the policy of the former organization is good? The policy of the former organization was repudiated once. Do Democrats want to re-establish it? As for the election, the men who can explain why they lost every rock in the harbor, they hired the man who said he knew all the open places."

NEEDS NO RECONSTRUCTION.

Senator Morgan Says the Party Must Be True to Its Creed.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—Senator Morgan of Alabama, gives expression to his views regarding the proposed party recasting, as follows:

"The Democratic party needs no reconstruction. It needs fidelity to its creed, which has stood for 160 years. At present it demands the payment of the national debt and a return to the 'special basis' for banking. It demands the right to the States of the exclusive right to determine the qualification of voters. It demands that all Federal taxation shall be equal and uniform in places within the limits of the United States. It demands the suppression of trusts, especially the corporations, in respect of all articles of commerce that are subject to interstate and foreign commerce. If the Democracy adheres to these demands our political defeat will be only temporary."

VICTORY FOR A DEMOCRAT.

Elected to Congress From the Fifteenth Illinois District.

QUINCY, Ill., Nov. 10.—The official canvass of the vote in the seven counties which comprise the Fifteenth district show that J. Ross Mickey, Democrat, of Macomb, is elected to Congress, defeating F. F. Marsh, Republican, of Warsaw, by 268 votes.

Mickey is delighted as he was an almost unknown man and the Democratic nomination was practically forced on him when Willis Hazelwood withdrew from the race. He is forty-one years of age and is county judge of McDonough county, having been elected to that position two years ago. There is some talk of a coat-of-arms.

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PLURALITY FOR BECKHAM.

Official Returns Show That It Will Exceed 4,000.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Nov. 10.—Governor Beckham's official plurality will exceed 4,000. Governor Beckham left today for Owensboro, where he will be tendered a demonstration tonight. Miss Puqua, Governor Beckham's fiancée, lives at Owensboro.

Chairman Combs, of the Republican State Committee, said today: "Reports of fraud against the Republican party aggregating five or ten votes to a precinct come in from so many counties that we cannot escape the conclusion that this was the principle planned for the entire State, as it can be readily seen that in the 1,800 precincts in the State a change of 1,500 or 2,000 votes could thus be made, without that publicity of fraud which affects the right-thinking people of the State. In other words, there is no doubt in the minds of this committee that the frauds of 1896 under the Gebel law are in excess of those of 1898."

He said that probably most of the frauds are such that no conviction of those concerned could be secured. Republican headquarters will close tomorrow, and the courts will be called upon to decide the gubernatorial contest, according to the present plan.

DENIAL FROM ROOSEVELT.

Declares That He Never Received Published Telegrams From Odell.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Nov. 10.—Governor Roosevelt was still silent this morning regarding the Ice Trust charges and Mayor Van Wyck's reply to them. He had, however, the following to say regarding the alleged telegram from Governor Odell, which was published yesterday in the "New York World":

"I have been looking for the telegram that I have received, and I find that the telegram quoted in the 'New York World' of yesterday is spurious, or at any rate I never received it. That is all I care to say regarding this matter until I get to Albany."

CLAIM OF SINGLE-TAXERS.

Votes Said to Have Been Given to Democrats by Mistake.

CHICAGO, Nov. 10.—If the claims of representatives of the Single Tax party are well founded, thousands of votes which were cast for the Single Tax candidates on the county ticket in the recent election, were given to the Democratic candidate by mistake of the judges of election.

Walter F. Cooling, Single Tax candidate for the office of State's Attorney, says there will be a contest over the returns which will result in the subtraction of from 5,000 to 10,000 votes from the totals now credited to the Democratic candidates for the general county offices. The alleged mistake was made in the fact that the single-taxers voted the straight Democratic ticket for all but the county officers, and as the names of the voters were given to the judges, who counted straight Democratic votes instead. As the Single Tax candidates had more than \$500 names signed to their ticket it is claimed that they must have received an equal number of votes.

DICK DENIES RUMORS.

Not to Be a Rival of Foraker for the Senate.

AKRON, Ohio, Nov. 10.—Chairman Charles Dick, of the Republican State Committee, is in town and will spend Sunday here with his family.

The chairman denied today that he would be a candidate for the Senate against Foraker or that he would enter the race for Governor in 1904.

He said Mr. Hanna would remain at the head of the National Committee and that Perry Heath would be secretary.

THE FEUD IN TEXAS.

A Sheriff's Party Besieged in the Anderson Jail.

ANDERSON, Texas, Nov. 10.—The party headed by Sheriff Scott, with 200 men in the jail here, has fired a fusillade from the windows, killing three members of the White Men's Union, a political organization, formed to wrest control of the county from the blacks.

Sheriff Scott had been notified to put all women and children out of the jail as it was the intention of the besiegers to dynamite the building.

The trouble is the outcome of a triple tragedy of the outcome of a triple tragedy of the outcome of a triple tragedy.

The blacks greatly outnumber the whites in the county and are led by a dozen or more white men, who, through the aid of the negroes, have long controlled all the offices. To put an end to this the White Men's Union was organized.

Owing to the failure of the cotton crop and migration of negroes to the hands in consequence, the union succeeded in electing all the county officers.

Sheriff Garrett Scott, after the tragedy of the Anderson jail, with 200 men and followers and a few black auxiliaries to the jail. They are armed with rifles and have plenty of ammunition, and will make a determined resistance to any attack.

Members of the proposed party recasting will not be molested unless they take an active part in support of Scott, but all their white leaders must leave the county or be killed.

SHOT BY A DESPERADO.

Sheriff Instantly Killed and His Assistant Fatally Wounded.

SPRINGDALE, Mont., Nov. 10.—Sheriff Young was instantly killed and Under Sheriff Bellar fatally wounded at Springdale by a desperado whom the officers were attempting to arrest.

The man who did the shooting fatally wounded a man at Logan last night and escaped. He was located near Springdale, and the officers went to the place to make the arrest. On their arrival at dusk, they approached the man on the platform of the station, and when they were within ten feet of him he fired upon them, shooting Sheriff Young and turning upon Sheriff Young, who was instantly killed by a bullet sent through his heart.

The desperado turned and fled. Posses have been sent in every direction, and it is believed he cannot escape.

False Count in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Nov. 10.—The official count of ballots cast in the city was begun by the board of election commissioners yesterday.

In the Thirtieth precinct of the Second Ward it was discovered that the pollbooks showed more votes cast than were on registration tally sheets. Judges and clerks have been directed to explain the discrepancy.

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THE CLEVELAND-WHITNEY PROPOSAL.



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RED TAPE IN GALVESTON

Texas Storm Sufferers Indignant With the Relief Committee.

Charges That the Fund Contributed Is Being Squandered in Paying Salaries—Unfortunate People Said to Be Subjected to Many Indignities—Telegraph Employees Strike.

GALVESTON, Texas, Nov. 10.—The distribution of the \$200,000 of the relief fund set aside by the Central Relief Committee out of the nearly \$1,250,000 donated by a generous public for the benefit of the storm sufferers is causing much bitter complaint. The distribution of it is hedged about with so many restrictions and the applications for relief have to pass through so many hands and they have to submit to so many interrogations that imply that they are attempting to get something they are not entitled to, that it has aroused much indignation among the storm sufferers who are badly in need of the little money they will receive to place themselves and families in as comfortable circumstances as conditions will admit of before inclement weather sets in.

Many of the sufferers who have filed applications for relief openly charge that the fund is being squandered in paying the salaries of the relief committees of the various wards, and that the rigid restrictions thrown around the disbursement of the fund are harsh and unnecessary, increasing instead of mitigating the sufferings of the people for whose sole benefit the money was donated.

Outside of the noble work of the Red Cross Society, there is much to condemn and little to commend in the work of the relief committee and its subcommittees, in the distribution of supplies or the disbursement of money sent here for the relief of the storm sufferers. The complaint is almost universal that these committees seem to act upon the principle that everybody is dishonest but themselves, and that every precaution must be taken to guard against imposition, which has and is causing much distress among the unfortunate victims of the storm.

Four bodies were recovered from the wreckage today.

Out of sympathy with their striking fellow-employees in Houston, San Antonio, and Waco, the linemen, insidemen, and cablemen of the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company here walked out this morning.

The demand is for the following scales: Foremen, \$3.50; assistant foremen, \$3.25; linemen and insidemen, \$3, and cablemen, \$3.50 per day. This has put a stop to the reconstruction of the telegraph system.

Regarding the scale of the scale demanded is one which has been paid here with the exception of insidemen, who have heretofore received \$2.25 per day, and will now demand \$3. "Hello girls" still remain at their posts.

THE MARRIAGE OF FERDINAND.

Morganatic Alliance Excites the Hungarian Parliament.

BUDAPEST, Nov. 10.—In the lower house of the Hungarian Parliament, yesterday, the Government so amended the bill confirming the renunciation of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of any claims to the throne by his wife or children that it was passed to a second reading, which is equivalent to its adoption.

The Archduke contracted amorganatic marriage with Countess Sophie Chotek, and before doing so renounced all rights to the throne of Austria-Hungary on behalf of his wife and possible offspring. The bill created a great row in the house when it was under discussion, the opposition insisting that the Countess should be recognized as Queen. The amendments agreed to by the Government do not alter the principle of the bill, but appear to have pacified a majority of the opposition.

Through Pullman Sleeper to Toledo via Pennsylvania Railroad.

Commencing Sunday, November 11, a through sleeper car will be attached to train leaving Washington 6:30 p. m. daily, arriving Toledo 9:30 a. m. East-bound, leave Toledo 5:30 p. m., arrive Washington 1:30 p. m. next day.

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GAGE LIKELY TO RESIGN

Report That the Secretary Will Retire From the Cabinet.

Said to Have Been Desirous of Surrendering the Treasury Portfolio for Some Time in Order to Retain His Business Interests in Chicago. Dawes Mentioned as His Successor.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—Lyman J. Gage will soon retire from the Cabinet of President McKinley. It was so stated on the best of authority at the headquarters of the Republican National Committee at 1 Madison Avenue this morning.

It was further stated that Charles G. Dawes, the present Comptroller of the Currency, would succeed Mr. Gage, as Secretary of the Treasury. The resignation of the Secretary is not yet in the hands of the President, but it is expected that it will be but a matter of a few weeks until he receives it. It is said that for some time Mr. Gage has been desirous of giving up his arduous work at the head of the Treasury Department and returning to Chicago to look after his own business interests. He could have returned during the summer but he felt it better that he stick to his post until after election.

When asked this morning to make a statement regarding the report that he would resign from the Cabinet, Secretary Gage declined absolutely to discuss the matter in any way. He explained that it would be obviously indelicate for him to talk about a matter that involved the appointment of himself by the President to a Federal office and he was just as much indisposed to take notice of any rumors regarding his retirement before the close of his present term.

While the Secretary thus refuses to dispose of the rumor, it is said by officials who profess to know that Mr. Gage expects to serve out his four years' term, and that he is willing to continue in the same office under President McKinley's second Administration. Close friends of the Secretary scout the idea of an early resignation, and those who have in the past been well acquainted with Mr. Gage's plans and intentions predict that he will still be Secretary of the Treasury a year from now.

It is said that the President is indisposed to make any change in the Cabinet personnel, that Mr. Gage's administrative talents at the head of the Treasury has especially commended itself to him, and he would be sorry to lose his services as an adviser and administrator.

The report that Charles G. Dawes, the present Comptroller of the Currency, will succeed Mr. Gage is entirely discredited in official circles here.

Mr. Dawes, it is said, desires to succeed Mr. Mason as Senator from Illinois two years hence.

SALON'S TRIAL BEGINS.

The Shah's Would-Be Assassin Appears in Court.

PARIS, Nov. 10.—The trial of Francis Salson, who attempted to assassinate the Shah of Persia some time ago, commenced today.

Salson, who has a good record as a soldier and workman, admitted that at one time he made plans to assassinate the Shah, but that he had changed his mind and that he had desired the assassination of the Shah because the Persian monarch was the highest example of the power of riches.